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UD HONORS STUDENTS LINK DAYTON RESOURCES WITH SIERRA LEONE NEEDS

DAYTON, Ohio, January 12, 1990--University of Dayton students who participated in an international project called "Building a Bridge: Proposals For Enhancing the Relationship between Dayton and Sierra Leone" will present their recommendations on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall on campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The project, conducted during the fall semester by 35 juniors in the University Honors Program at UD, was designed to discover ways to link resources from the Dayton area with specific needs in Sierra Leone. In addition to research, a group of students traveled to Sierra Leone in August to gather first-hand information. The West African nation, about the size of South Carolina, is experiencing a worsening economic situation as well as widespread illiteracy and a lack of available medical care.

The Sierra Leone project was prompted by discussions between Congressman Tony Hall and Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of UD.

The students have recommended 14 final proposals for implementation, covering material aid, cultural exchanges, and educational, medical and commercial programs. Many of the students plan to continue the project by advocating the proposals to local organizations, performing additional research and raising awareness of Sierra Leone in the Dayton area.

For further information on the presentation, contact Robert Mott, professor of mechanical engineering technology, at (513) 229-2966.